

FIFTEENTH DAY.

(Friday, March 15, 1918.)

The House met at 9:30 o'clock a. m.
pursuant to adjournment.

(Speaker Fuller in the chair.)

The roll was called and the following
members were present:

Atlee.	Lindemann.
Bass.	McComb.
Beard.	McCord.
Beasley.	McCoy.
Beason.	McDowra.
Bedell.	McFarland.
Bell.	McMillin.
Bennette.	Mathis.
Bertram.	Meador.
Blackburn.	Mendell.
Blackmon.	Metcalf.
Bland.	Miller of Austin.
Bledsoe.	Miller of Dallas.
Brown.	Monday.
Bryan.	Moore.
Burton of Rusk.	Morris.
Butler.	Murphy.
Cadenhead.	Murrell.
Canales.	Neill.
Carlock.	Nordhaus.
Clark.	O'Banion.
Cope.	O'Brien.
Cox of Ellis.	Osborne.
Crudgington.	Parks.
Davis of Dallas.	Peyton.
Davis of Grimes.	Poage.
Davis of Harris.	Raiden.
Davis	Reeves.
of Van Zandt.	Richards.
De Bogory.	Robertson.
Denton.	Roemer.
Dodd.	Rogers.
Dudley.	Sackett.
Dunnam.	Sallas.
Estes.	Sentell.
Fairchild.	Schlesinger.
Fly.	Schlosshan.
Ford.	Seawright.
Haidusek.	Smith of Bastrop.
Hardey.	Smith of Hopkins.
Harris.	Smith of Scurry.
Henderson.	Spencer.
Hill.	Spradley.
Holaday.	Sneed.
Holland.	Stephens.
Hudspeth.	Stewart.
Johnson of Blanco.	Swope.
Johnson of Ellis.	Taylor.
Jones.	Templeton.
Laas.	Thomas.
Lacey.	Thomason
Lackey.	of El Paso.
Laney.	Thomason
Lange.	of Nacogdoches.
Lanier.	Thompson
Lee.	of Hunt.

Thompson	Walker.
of Red River.	White.
Tillotson.	Williams
Tilson.	of Brazoria.
Tinner.	Williford.
Traylor.	Wilson.
Upchurch.	Woods.
Vaughan.	Yantis.
Veatch.	

Absent.

Bagby.	Strayhorn.
Burton of Tarrant.	Terrell.
Greenwood.	Valentine.
Pope.	Williams
Sholars.	of McLennan.

Absent—Excused.

Baker.	Lowe.
Cates.	Pillow.
Cox of Bee.	Wahrmund.
King.	

A quorum was announced present.

Prayer was then offered by Rev. J. C.
Mitchell, Chaplain.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE GRANTED.

The following members were granted
leaves of absence on account of impor-
tant business:

Mr. Wahrmund for today and tomor-
row, on motion of Mr. Miller of Austin.

Mr. Cates for today and tomorrow, on
motion of Mr. Mendell.

Mr. Cox of Bee for today, on motion
of Mr. Laas.

On motion of Mr. Davis of Harris,
Mr. Pillow was excused for the balance
of the week on account of sickness.

BILLS ORDERED NOT PRINTED.

On motion of Mr. Canales, it was or-
dered that Senate bills Nos. 22, 66 and
67 be not printed.

On motion of Mr. Butler, it was or-
dered that House bill No. 151 be not
printed.

MOTION TO NOT PRINT BILL.

Mr. Fairchild moved that House bill
No. 126 be not printed, and the motion
was lost.

FURTHER TIME GRANTED.

On motion of Mr. Canales, further
time was granted the Committee on
Irrigation for consideration of House
bill No. 19.

SPECIAL ORDER SET.

On motion of Mr. Metcalfe, House bill
No. 105, providing that women may vote

in primary elections, was set as a special order for 10 o'clock a. m. today.

RELATING TO AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION.

Mr. Lange offered the following resolution:

Whereas, The American Library Association has been authorized by the War Department's Commission on Training Camp Activities to conduct libraries in the several camps of the country; and

Whereas, Such libraries have been established in each camp and housed in attractive buildings with trained librarians in charge, who are lending the books to the soldiers at the Y. M. C. A. and Knights of Columbus buildings and at the company barracks; and

Whereas, There are many patriotic citizens in Texas who have books in their homes which they have enjoyed and would willingly pass on to the soldiers in the camps and over seas; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the citizens of this State be urged to give good books in the campaign for books conducted by the American Library Association during the week of March 18-25.

Signed—Lange, Templeton, Holland, Dudley, Butler, Dodd, McMillin, Traylor, Henderson.

The resolution was read second time and was adopted.

HOUSE BILL NO. 27 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 27, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Articles 475 and 476 of the Penal Code of the State of Texas, prohibiting the carrying of any pistol, dirk, dagger, sling shot, sword cane, or knuckles made of any material or any hard substance, bowie knife, or any other knife manufactured or sold for purposes of offense or defense; prescribing a punishment therefor; making exceptions thereto in favor of certain officers, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time.

Mr. Mendell offered the following (committee) amendment to the bill:

Strike out all after the enacting clause, and substitute the following:

That Articles 475 and 476 of the Penal Code of the State of Texas be, and the same are, hereby amended so that the same shall hereafter read as follows:

"Article 475. If any person in this State shall carry on or about his person, saddle, or in his saddle bags any pistol, dirk, dagger, slung shot, sword cane, spear or knuckles made of any metal or any hard substance, bowie knife, or any other knife manufactured or sold for the purposes of offense or defense, he shall be punished by fine not less than \$200 nor more than \$500, or by confinement in the county jail for not less than one month nor more than one year.

"Article 476. The preceding article shall not apply to a person in actual service as a militiaman, nor to any peace officer in the actual discharge of his official duty, nor to the carrying of arms on one's own premises or place of business, nor to persons traveling, provided this exception shall not apply to any deputy constable, or special policeman who does not receive a salary of forty dollars or more per month for his services as such officer, and who is not appointed in conformity with the statutes of this State authorizing such appointment; provided further, that this exception shall not apply to the Game, Fish and Oyster Commissioner, nor to any deputy, when not in the actual discharge of his duties as such, nor to any game warden, or local deputy game, fish and oyster commissioner except when in the actual discharge of his duties in the county of his residence, nor shall it apply to any game warden or deputy game, fish and oyster commissioner who does not actually receive from the State fees or compensation for his services.

"That all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

"The fact that the present law upon the subject of unlawfully carrying arms is ineffective and subject to abuses creates an emergency and an imperative public necessity requiring the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days to be suspended, and such rule is so suspended, and that this act take effect from and after its passage, and it is so enacted."

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Mendell offered the following amendment to the bill:

"Strike out the figures \$200 in line six (6), Article 475 and substitute therefor the figures \$100."

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Holland offered the following amendment to the bill:

"Substitute by adding the word 'compensation' on page 3 in place of 'salary' of forty dollars or more per month."

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Peyton moved to lay the bill on the table subject to call, and the motion was lost.

Mr. Beasley moved the previous question on engrossment of the bill, and the main question was ordered.

House bill No. 27 was then passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 46 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 46, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 15 of Chapter 5 of the Acts of the First Called Session of the Thirty-fourth Legislature of the State of Texas, which act was entitled 'An Act regulating the business of co-operative savings and contract loan companies,' so that hereafter such companies may invest their funds in mortgages which shall be a first lien on real estate located in any State of the United States of America, and further permitting such companies to invest their funds in Liberty Bonds and other certificates of indebtedness which have or may hereafter be authorized by the United States Congress; and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time.

Mr. Laney offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend H. B. No. 46, by adding a new section thereto, which shall be Section 3, and by renumbering the emergency clause so that the same shall be numbered Section 4, the new section to read as follows:

"On and after the passage of this act, Section 2, Chapter 5, of the Acts of the First Called Session of the Thirty-fourth Legislature of the State of Texas shall read as follows:

"All such corporations shall be under the supervision and control of the Commissioner of Insurance and Banking, and it shall be his duty to cause an examination to be made at least once in every twelve months of the books of such corporation, the expense of such examination to be paid by the corporation in the same manner as now provided by law for like examinations on insurance companies."

The amendment was adopted.

House bill No. 46 was then passed to engrossment.

REQUESTING COURTESIES OF PRESS TABLE.

I ask unanimous consent that the courtesies of the press table be extended to Mrs. Minnie Fisher Cunningham, Mrs. Hortense Ward and Mrs. H. B. Moore in order that they, as the leaders of the Suffragette Movement, may more easily hear the proceedings of the House and keep posted thereon.

Signed—Monday.

The Speaker announced that there was objection.

HOUSE BILL NO. 105 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, as a special order for this hour, on its passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 105, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide that women may vote in all primary elections and nominating conventions in Texas; prescribing qualifications for such voters, providing for registration of 10,000 and over, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time.

Mr. Smith of Hopkins moved the previous question on engrossment of the bill and the main question was ordered.

Mr. Spradley moved to reconsider the vote by which the main question was ordered.

Yeas and nays were demanded and the motion to reconsider prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—91.

Atlee.	Dudley.
Bass.	Dunnam.
Beasley.	Estes.
Beason.	Fairchild.
Bell.	Fly.
Bennette.	Ford.
Bertram.	Haidusek.
Blackburn.	Hardey.
Blackmon.	Harris.
Bland.	Henderson.
Brown.	Hill.
Bryan.	Holland.
Burton of Rusk.	Johnson of Blanco.
Canales.	Jones.
Carlock.	Laas.
Clark.	Lacey.
Cox of Ellis.	Lackey.
Crudgington.	Laney.
Davis of Dallas.	Lanier.
Davis of Grimes.	Lee.
Davis	Lindemann.
of Van Zandt.	McComb.
De Bogory.	McCord.
Denton.	McCoy.

McFarland.	Smith of Bastrop.
McMillin.	Smith of Scurry.
Mathis.	Spradley.
Miller of Austin.	Sneed.
Monday.	Stephens.
Moore.	Stewart.
Morris.	Swope.
Murphy.	Taylor.
Murrell.	Templeton.
Neill.	Thomas.
Nordhaus.	Thomason
O'Brien.	of El Paso.
Osborne.	Thomason
Parks.	of Nacogdoches.
Peyton.	Tillotson.
Raiden.	Tilson.
Robertson.	Traylor.
Roemer.	Veatch.
Rogers.	Walker.
Sackett.	White.
Sallas.	Williford.
Schlesinger.	Wilson.
Seawright.	Woods.

Nays—27.

Bedell.	O'Banion.
Bledsoe.	Poage.
Butler.	Reeves.
Cadenhead.	Richards.
Cope.	Smith of Hopkins.
Davis of Harris.	Spencer.
Dodd.	Thompson
Holaday.	of Hunt.
Hudspeth.	Tinner.
Johnson of Ellis.	Upchurch.
McDowra.	Vaughan.
Meador.	Williams
Mendell.	of Brazoria.
Metcalf.	Yantis.
Miller of Dallas.	

Absent.

Bagby.	Sholars.
Beard.	Strayhorn.
Burton of Tarrant.	Terrell.
Greenwood.	Thompson
Lange.	of Red River.
Pope.	Valentine.
Sentell.	Williams
Schlosshan.	of McLennan.

Absent—Excused.

Baker.	Lowe.
Cates.	Pillow.
Cox of Bee.	Wahrmund.
King.	

Question then recurring on the motion for the previous question, it was lost.

Mr. Spradley offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 105, page 1, by adding Section 1a: "Provided, after year 1918 all such persons shall be re-

quired to pay a poll tax in order to qualify to vote."

Mr. Metcalfe moved to table the amendment.

Yeas and nays were demanded, and the motion to table prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—62.

Dodd.	Davis of Harris.
Dudley.	Davis
Estes.	of Van Zandt.
Fly.	De Bogory.
Ford.	Denton.
Henderson.	Parks.
Holaday.	Poage.
Hudspeth.	Raiden.
Lacey.	Reeves.
Laney.	Richards.
McCord.	Sackett.
McDowra.	Smith of Bastrop.
McMillin.	Smith of Hopkins.
Meador.	Spencer.
Metcalf.	Sneed.
Miller of Dallas.	Stewart.
Murphy.	Taylor.
Neill.	Templeton.
O'Banion.	Thomas.
Beard.	Thomason
Beasley.	of El Paso.
Bedell.	Thompson
Bell.	of Hunt.
Blackmon.	Tilson.
Bryan.	Tinner.
Butler.	Upchurch.
Cadenhead.	Veatch.
Canales.	Williams
Clark.	of Brazoria.
Cope.	Williford.
Crudgington.	Wilson.
Davis of Dallas.	Woods.
Davis of Grimes.	Yantis.

Nays—54.

Atlee.	Lackey.
Bass.	Lanier.
Beason.	Lee.
Bennette.	Lindemann.
Bertram.	McComb.
Blackburn.	McCoy.
Bland.	McFarland.
Bledsoe.	Mendell.
Brown.	Miller of Austin.
Burton of Rusk.	Monday.
Cox of Ellis.	Moore.
Dunnam.	Morris.
Fairchild.	Murrell.
Haidusek.	Nordhaus.
Hardey.	O'Brien.
Harris.	Osborne.
Hill.	Peyton.
Holland.	Robertson.
Johnson of Blanco.	Roemer.
Jones.	Rogers.
Laas.	Sallas.

Schlesinger.	Thompson
Seawright.	of Red River.
Smith of Scurry.	Tillotson.
Spradley.	Traylor.
Stephens.	Vaughan.
Swope.	Walker.
Thomason	White.
of Nacogdoches.	

Present—Not Voting.

Carlock.

Absent.

Bagby.	Schlosshan.
Burton of Tarrant.	Sholars.
Greenwood.	Strayhorn.
Johnson of Ellis.	Terrell.
Lange.	Valentine.
Mathis.	Williams
Pope.	of McLennan.
Sentell.	

Absent—Excused.

Baker.	Lowe.
Cates.	Pillow.
Cox of Bee.	Wahrmund.
King.	

Mr. Osborne offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 105, page 2, by adding a new section to be known as Section 3a, to read as follows:

"Sec 3a. It shall not be necessary for the county tax collector to furnish the chairman of the county executive committee of political parties, judges of election or any other person for use in primary elections a certified list of women voters except in cities of ten thousand inhabitants and over."

Signed—Osborne, De Bogory, Seawright, Metcalfe.

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Canales offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 105, Section 1, by adding at end of said section, in line 23, the following: "Provided, however, that none but native born American citizens be allowed to vote under the provisions of this act."

Yeas and nays were demanded, and the amendment was lost by the following vote:

Yeas—32.

Beason.	Davis
Bennette.	of Van Zandt.
Bertram.	Dunnam.
Blackburn.	Fairchild.
Bryan.	Harris.
Burton of Rusk.	Holland.
Canales.	Lee.

McComb.	Stephens.
McCoy.	Stewart.
Meador.	Swope.
Mendell.	Thomason
O'Banion.	of Nacogdoches.
Peyton.	Thompson
Richards.	of Red River.
Rogers.	Traylor.
Seawright.	Vaughan.
Smith of Scurry.	Walker.
Spradley.	White.

Nays—79.

Atlee.	Miller of Austin.
Bass.	Miller of Dallas.
Beasley.	Monday.
Bedell.	Moore.
Bell.	Morris.
Blackmon.	Murphy.
Bledsoe.	Murrell.
Brown.	Neill.
Butler.	Nordhaus.
Cadenhead.	O'Brien.
Carlock.	Osborne.
Cope.	Parks.
Crudgington.	Poage.
Davis of Dallas.	Raiden.
Davis of Grimes.	Reeves.
Davis of Harris.	Robertson.
De Bogory.	Roemer.
Dodd.	Sackett.
Dudley.	Sallas.
Estes.	Smith of Bastrop.
Fly.	Smith of Hopkins.
Ford.	Spencer.
Haidusek.	Sneed.
Hardey.	Taylor.
Henderson.	Templeton.
Holaday.	Thomas.
Hudspeth.	Thomason
Johnson of Blanco.	of El Paso.
Johnson of Ellis.	Thompson
Laas.	of Hunt.
Lacey.	Tillotson.
Lackey.	Tilson.
Laney.	Tinner.
Lanier.	Upchurch.
Lindemann.	Veatch.
McCord.	Williams
McDowra.	of Brazoria.
McFarland.	Williford.
McMillin.	Wilson.
Mathis.	Woods.
Metcalfe.	Yantis.

Present—Not Voting.

Beard.	Denton.
Bland.	

Absent.

Bagby.	Hill.
Burton of Tarrant.	Jones.
Clark.	Lange.
Cox of Ellis.	Pope.
Greenwood.	Sentell.

Schlesinger.	Terrell.
Schlosshan.	Valentine.
Sholars.	Williams
Strayhorn.	of McLennan.

Absent—Excused.

Baker.	Lowe.
Cates.	Pillow.
Cox of Bee.	Wahrmund.
King.	

Mr. Walker offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 105 by inserting "that no woman or women shall be allowed to vote in such primary election or convention unless she was born in the State of Texas."

The amendment was lost.

Mr. O'Brien offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 105 by striking out the enacting clause.

Signed—O'Brien, Dunnam.

Mr. Bledsoe moved a call of the House for the purpose of maintaining a quorum pending consideration of House bill No. 105, and the call was duly seconded.

The Speaker then directed the Doorkeeper to close the main entrance to the Hall and instructed the Sergeant-at-Arms to lock all other doors leading from the Hall, and stated that no member would be permitted to leave the Hall without written permission from the Speaker.

Mr. Thomason moved the previous question on the amendment and engrossment of the bill and the main question was ordered.

Question first recurring on the amendment by Mr. O'Brien striking out the enacting clause of the bill, yeas and nays were demanded.

The amendment was lost by the following vote:

Yeas—33.

Atlee.	Lindemann.
Bland.	McComb.
Brown.	Mathis.
Burton of Rusk.	Miller of Austin.
Cox of Ellis.	Monday.
Dunnam.	Moore.
Fly.	Morris.
Haidusek.	Murrell.
Hardey.	O'Brien.
Harris.	Robertson.
Holland.	Rogers.
Laas.	Sallas.
Lackey.	Spradley.
Lanier.	Thompson
Lee.	of Red River.

Tillotson.	Vaughan.
Traylor.	Walker.

Nays—88.

Mr. Speaker.	Mendell.
Bass.	Metcalfe.
Beard.	Miller of Dallas.
Beasley.	Murphy.
Beason.	Neill.
Bedell.	Nordhaus.
Bell.	O'Banion.
Bennette.	Osborne.
Bertram.	Parks.
Blackburn.	Peyton.
Blackmon.	Poage.
Bledsoe.	Raiden.
Bryan.	Reeves.
Butler.	Richards.
Cadenhead.	Roemer.
Canales.	Sackett.
Carlock.	Sentell.
Clark.	Schlesinger.
Cope.	Seawright.
Crudgington.	Smith of Bastrop.
Davis of Dallas.	Smith of Hopkins.
Davis of Grimes.	Smith of Scurry.
Davis of Harris.	Spencer.
Davis	Sneed.
of Van Zandt.	Stephens.
De Bogory.	Stewart.
Denton.	Swope.
Dodd.	Taylor.
Dudley.	Templeton.
Estes.	Thomas.
Fairchild.	Thomason
Ford.	of El Paso.
Henderson.	Thomason
Hill.	of Nacogdoches.
Holaday.	Thompson
Hudspeth.	of Hunt.
Johnson of Blanco.	Tilson.
Johnson of Ellis.	Tinner.
Jones.	Upchurch.
King.	Veatch.
Lacey.	White.
Laney.	Williams
McCord.	of Brazoria.
McCoy.	Williford.
McFarland.	Wilson.
McMillin.	Woods.
Meador.	Yantis.

Present—Not Voting.

Kempen.

Absent.

Bagby.	Strayhorn.
Burton of Tarrant.	Terrell.
Greenwood.	Valentine.
Pope.	Williams
Schlosshan.	of McLennan.
Sholars.	

Absent—Excused.

Baker.	Lowe.
Cates.	Pillow.
Cox of Bee.	Wahrmund.

Paired.

Mr. McDowra (present), who would vote "nay," with Mr. Lange (absent), who would vote "yea."

Reasons for Vote.

I vote "yea" not because I object to woman suffrage. If I could be convinced that a majority of the real womanhood of the State desired the ballot, I would cheerfully accord them the privilege. Notwithstanding this fact, I cannot understand how the so-called manhood of the State can have descended to such a weakened mental and moral condition as to be unable to inspire that degree of confidence in their wives, daughters and mothers which would cause them to rely upon their husbands, sons and brothers to conduct the affairs of State.

I think it a sad commentary upon American manhood when our men acknowledge that they have become such degenerates that their female relatives can no longer trust them.

COX of Ellis.

I vote "yea" on striking out the enacting clause in House bill No. 105, known as the equal suffrage bill, to allow women to vote in primary elections and conventions only, because I believe the law to be undemocratic and wrong to allow any person to vote in a primary election or convention unless such person is legally qualified to take the required pledge and carry same out by voting in the general election to help elect such candidates as is nominated in such primary elections and conventions.

HOLLAND.

Question next recurring on engrossment of the bill, yeas and nays were demanded:

House bill No. 105 was passed to engrossment by the following vote:

Yeas—87.

Mr. Speaker.	Bledsoe.
Bass.	Bryan.
Beard.	Butler.
Beasley.	Canales.
Beason.	Carlock.
Bedell.	Clark.
Bell.	Cope.
Bennette.	Crudgington.
Bertram.	Davis of Dallas.
Blackburn.	Davis of Grimes.
Blackmon.	Davis of Harris.

Davis	Raiden.
of Van Zandt.	Reeves.
De Bogory.	Richards.
Denton.	Roemer.
Dodd.	Sackett.
Dudley.	Sentell.
Estes.	Schlesinger.
Fairchild.	Smith of Bastrop.
Ford.	Smith of Hopkins.
Henderson.	Smith of Scurry.
Hill.	Spencer.
Holaday.	Sneed.
Hudspeth.	Stephens.
Johnson of Blanco.	Stewart.
Johnson of Ellis.	Swope.
Jones.	Taylor.
Kempen.	Templeton.
Lacey.	Thomas.
Laney.	Thomason
McCord.	of El Paso.
McCoy.	Thomason
McFarland.	of Nacogdoches.
McMillin.	Thompson
Meador.	of Hunt.
Mendell.	Tilson.
Metcalf.	Tinner.
Miller of Dallas.	Upchurch.
Morris.	Veatch.
Murphy.	White.
Neill.	Williams
O'Banion.	of Brazoria.
Osborne.	Williford.
Parks.	Wilson.
Peyton.	Woods.
Poage.	Yantis.

Nays—31.

Atlee.	Miller of Austin.
Bland.	Monday.
Brown.	Moore.
Burton of Rusk.	Murrell.
Cadenhead.	O'Brien.
Dunnam.	Robertson.
Fly.	Rogers.
Haidusek.	Sallas.
Hardey.	Seawright.
Holland.	Spradley.
Laas.	Thompson
Lackey.	of Red River.
Lanier.	Tillotson.
Lee.	Traylor.
McComb.	Vaughan.
Mathis.	Walker.

Present—Not Voting.

Lindemann.

Absent.

Bagby.	Sholars.
Burton of Tarrant.	Strayhorn.
Cox of Ellis.	Terrell.
Greenwood.	Valentine.
Pope.	Williams
Schlosshan.	of McLennan.

Absent—Excused.

Cates. Lowe.
Cox of Bee. Pillow.
King.

Paired.

Mr. Harris (present), who would vote "nay," with Mr. Baker of Hood (absent), who would vote "yea."

Mr. McDowra (present), who would vote "yea," with Mr. Lange (absent), who would vote "nay."

Mr. Nordhaus (present), who would vote "yea," with Mr. Wahrmond (absent), who would vote "nay."

Reasons for Votes.

I vote "nay" on this bill because she is not granted full franchise under its provision. I supported the submission of an amendment to the Constitution in the Regular Session which would have given them full franchise by ratification by the people. This bill admits them in the primary and they are refused franchise in the general election by the Constitution. I fail to see the consistency in admitting a vote in the primary that becomes a disqualified vote in the general election.

SEAWRIGHT.

At the request of several hundred citizens of my district, I vote in favor of this bill giving women the right to vote at primary elections in this State. In my humble opinion I believe that it would have been better for the women to have waited until a constitutional amendment should have been submitted and let the people decide this question, but if the women are so anxious to have this right that they would rather have a half measure than a full measure, let them have it and let them take the responsibility for the same.

CANALES.

I vote "nay" for the following reasons:

1. I think the proposed law is probably unconstitutional.
2. During my campaign for the office I hold I announced that I was opposed to equal suffrage for women, but would, if elected, vote to submit the question to the people. At the Regular Session of the Thirty-fifth Legislature I voted for the resolution providing for submission to the people of a constitutional amendment providing for equal suffrage. Having been elected after the announcement above referred to, I assume that my stand was then agreeable to the

people of Travis county. I have no reason to believe that their sentiments have changed, and, therefore, cast my vote in accordance with the statement of my attitude on the question made during my campaign.

3. I believe that in view of the doubt as to the constitutionality above expressed and of the revolutionary change made in the election law made by this bill, it should not be enacted by the Legislature, but the question should be submitted to the people of the State for decision.

ROBERTSON.

HOUSE BILL NO. 105 ON THIRD READING.

Mr. Bryan moved to suspend the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house and that House bill No. 105 be placed on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—96.

Mr. Speaker.	Jones.
Bass.	Kempen.
Beard.	Lacey.
Beasley.	Laney.
Beason.	Lee.
Bedell.	Lindemann.
Bell.	McCord.
Bennette.	McCoy.
Bertram.	McDowra.
Blackburn.	McFarland.
Blackmon.	McMillin.
Bledsoe.	Meador.
Bryan.	Mendell.
Burton of Rusk.	Metcalf.
Butler.	Miller of Dallas.
Cadenhead.	Morris.
Canales.	Murphy.
Carlock.	Murrell.
Clark.	Neill.
Crudgington.	O'Banion.
Davis of Dallas.	Osborne.
Davis of Grimes.	Parks.
Davis of Harris.	Peyton.
Davis	Poage.
of Van Zandt.	Raiden.
De Bogory.	Reeves.
Dodd.	Richards.
Dudley.	Robertson.
Estes.	Roemer.
Fairchild.	Rogers.
Fly.	Sackett.
Ford.	Sentell.
Hardey.	Schlesinger.
Harris.	Seawright.
Henderson.	Smith of Bastrop.
Holaday.	Smith of Hopkins.
Johnson of Blanco.	Smith of Scurry.
Johnson of Ellis.	Spencer.

Sneed.	Thompson
Stephens.	of Red River.
Stewart.	Tilson.
Swope.	Tinner.
Taylor.	Upchurch.
Templeton.	Veatch.
Thomas.	White.
Thomason	Williams
of El Paso.	of Brazoria.
Thomason	Williford.
of Nacogdoches.	Wilson.
Thompson	Woods.
of Hunt.	Yantis.

Nays—21.

Atlee.	Miller of Austin.
Bland.	Monday.
Brown.	Moore.
Cox of Ellis.	O'Brien.
Dunnam.	Sallas.
Haidusek.	Spradley.
Hill.	Tillotson.
Laas.	Traylor.
Lackey.	Vaughan.
Lanier.	Walker.
Mathis.	

Present—Not Voting.

McComb.

Absent.

Bagby.	Pope.
Burton of Tarrant.	Schlosshan.
Cope.	Sholars.
Denton.	Strayhorn.
Greenwood.	Terrell.
Holland.	Valentine.
Hudspeth.	Williams
Lange.	of McLennan.

Absent—Excused.

Baker.	King.
Cates.	Lowe.
Cox of Bee.	Pillow.

Paired.

Mr. Nordhaus (present), who would vote "yea," with Mr. Wahrmond (absent), who would vote "nay."

The Speaker then laid House bill No. 105 before the House, on its third reading and final passage.

The bill was read third time.

Mr. Spencer offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 105 by adding after the word "precinct," line 28, page 2, the following: "Provided, that separate booths shall be provided for women, and the votes so cast by them shall be separately tallied and counted."

Yeas and nays were demanded, and the amendment was lost by the following vote:

Yeas—65.

Mr. Speaker.	Mendell.
Atlee.	Miller of Austin.
Bass.	Monday.
Bedell.	Neill.
Bell.	Nordhaus.
Bennette.	O'Banion.
Bertram.	O'Brien.
Blackmon.	Osborne.
Bland.	Reeves.
Bledsoe.	Richards.
Brown.	Robertson.
Burton of Rusk.	Roemer.
Davis of Dallas.	Sallas.
Davis of Grimes.	Seawright.
Davis of Harris.	Smith of Bastrop.
Davis	Smith of Hopkins.
of Van Zandt.	Smith of Scurry.
Denton.	Spencer.
Dodd.	Spradley.
Dudley.	Swope.
Dunnam.	Templeton.
Fairchild.	Thomas.
Fly.	Thomason
Haidusek.	of El Paso.
Hardey.	Thomason
Holaday.	of Nacogdoches.
Hudspeth.	Thompson
Johnson of Blanco.	of Hunt.
Lackey.	Thompson
Laney.	of Red River.
Lindemann.	Tillotson.
McComb.	Tinner.
McDowra.	Traylor.
McMillin.	Vaughan.
Mathis.	Yantis.

Nays—55.

Beasley.	Metcalfe.
Beason.	Miller of Dallas.
Blackburn.	Moore.
Bryan.	Morris.
Butler.	Murphy.
Cadenhead.	Murrell.
Canales.	Parks.
Carlock.	Peyton.
Clark.	Poage.
Cope.	Raiden.
Crudgington.	Rogers.
De Bogory.	Sackett.
Estes.	Sentell.
Ford.	Schlesinger.
Harris.	Sneed.
Henderson.	Stephens.
Hill.	Stewart.
Johnson of Ellis.	Taylor.
Jones.	Tilson.
Kempen.	Upchurch.
Laas.	Veatch.
Lacey.	Walker.
Lanier.	White.
Lee.	Williams
McCord.	of Brazoria.
McCoy.	Williford.
McFarland.	Wilson.
Meador.	Woods.

Present—Not Voting.

Beard.

Absent.

Bagby.	Schlosshan.
Burton of Tarrant.	Sholars.
Cox of Ellis.	Strayhorn.
Greenwood.	Terrell.
Holland.	Valentine.
Lange.	Williams
Pope.	of McLennan.

Absent—Excused.

Baker.	Lowe.
Cates.	Pillow.
Cox of Bee.	Wahrmund.
King.	

Mr. McCoy moved the previous question on certain amendments filed with the Speaker, and on the final passage of the bill and the main question was ordered.

The following amendment filed by Mr. Monday was read:

Amend the bill by adding on page 2, line 28, after the word "precinct" the following:

"There shall be prepared and used a separate booth each for negro women and white women."

The amendment was lost.

The following amendment filed by Mr. Bryan was read:

Amend House bill No. 105, page 1, Section 2 lines 24 and 25 by striking out the words "in all cities of ten thousand inhabitants or over" and insert after the word "collector" the words "of each county in this State," and by striking out the words "in cities of ten thousand and over" in lines 29 and 30 on page 2 in Section 4.

The amendment was lost.

Question then recurring on the final passage of the bill, yeas and nays were demanded.

House bill No. 105 was passed by the following vote:

Yeas—84.

Mr. Speaker.	Canales.
Bass.	Carlock.
Beard.	Clark.
Beasley.	Cope.
Beason.	Crudgington.
Bedell.	Davis of Dallas.
Bell.	Davis of Grimes.
Bennette.	Davis of Harris.
Bertram.	Davis
Blackburn.	of Van Zandt.
Blackmon.	De Bogory.
Bledsoe.	Denton.
Bryan.	Dodd.
Butler.	Dudley.

Estes.	Sackett.
Fairchild.	Sentell.
Ford.	Schlesinger.
Henderson.	Smith of Bastrop.
Holaday.	Smith of Hopkins.
Hudspeth.	Smith of Scurry.
Johnson of Blanco.	Spencer.
Johnson of Ellis.	Sneed.
Jones.	Stephens.
Kempen.	Stewart.
Lacey.	Taylor.
Laney.	Templeton.
McCord.	Thomas.
McCoy.	Thomason
McFarland.	of El Paso.
McMillin.	Thomason
Meador.	of Nacogdoches.
Metcalfe.	Thompson
Miller of Dallas.	of Hunt.
Morris.	Tilson.
Murphy.	Tinner.
Neill.	Upchurch.
O'Banion.	Veatch.
Osborne.	White.
Parks.	Williams
Peyton.	of Brazoria.
Poage.	Williford.
Raiden.	Wilson.
Reeves.	Woods.
Richards.	Yantis.
Roemer.	

Nays—34.

Atlee.	Mathis.
Bland.	Miller of Austin.
Brown.	Monday.
Burton of Rusk.	Moore.
Cadenhead.	Murrell.
Cox of Ellis.	O'Brien.
Dunnam.	Robertson.
Fly.	Rogers.
Haidusek.	Sallas.
Hardey.	Seawright.
Harris.	Spradley.
Hill.	Thompson
Holland.	of Red River.
Laas.	Tillotson.
Lackey.	Traylor.
Lanier.	Vaughan.
Lee.	Walker.
McComb.	

Present—Not Voting.

Lindemann.

Absent.

Bagby.	Strayhorn.
Burton of Tarrant.	Swope.
Greenwood.	Terrell.
Pope.	Valentine.
Schlosshan.	Williams
Sholars.	of McLennan.

Absent—Excused.

Baker.	Lowe.
Cox of Bee.	Pillow.
King.	

Paired.

Mr. Mendell (present), who would vote "yea," with Mr. Cates (absent), who would vote "nay."

Mr. Nordhaus (present), who would vote "yea," with Mr. Wahrmond (absent), who would vote "nay."

Mr. McDowra (present), who would vote "yea," with Mr. Lange (absent), who would vote "nay."

Reasons for Vote:

I vote "nay," believing that the question should be submitted to the voters to say whether or not they want it. I believe in the people's rule.

LEE.

When the women of Texas ask for a right to vote (majority speaking) I am ready to vote for a constitutional amendment giving them the right to vote in all elections from constable to President. I consider this bill an experiment and I am of the opinion that this is no time for experimenting.

TRAYLER.

EXTREMES.

To everything under the sun,
'Tis easy to be "nough or too none."
Extremes, we say, are seldom right,
Except the devil we have to fight,
E'en then be careful how you go
For fear the will of the devil you do—
Remember the fabled Indians' tree,
Standing so tall that all might see,
Standing so straight it toppled over
And lost the claim to him forever.

That pie is good, all will attest,
Too much is bad e'en though the best,—
Restrictive laws are good no doubt
If properly they're brought about,
But while restrictions we are placing
Some liberties we are erasing.

Water, now, is landed high,
For clouds we all do watch the sky,
Enough of water's very good—
But Lord please save us from a flood.

Of all good things I've ever tried
(And I've tested far and wide)
I find a moderate dose is best,
And leave the balance for the rest.

So man may seek, woman to raise,
Hoping she will sing his praise.
By giving her the voter's right,
Not thinking all she has to fight—
Thus giving her such great renown,
They tie a weight to pull her down.

Chivalry may go to seed
When it shall fail to serve your need,
And answer back in voters' slang
It then will prove a boomerang
And tell how, since we can vote,
We did proceed "to get your goat."

But this is but the smallest part
That's sure to make you sick at heart:
They'll leave you home the babe to keep,
While you'll be forced to hear it weep;
But caution take in caring for it,
Don't give "to 'nough" of paragoric,
For fear too long you'll make it sleep
And ma'll come home to help you weep.

Russia too much freedom got
And now all pity her sad lot.
The Germans thought they wanted war
Until they carried it too far;
So Uncle Sam will make them wiser
When too much war he gives the kaiser.
Calvin's zeal, in truth 'tis said,
Caused him Servetus to behead.

The mob who went to hang the thief,
Returning home they hung their chief.
Let's all avoid such great hysteria—
Of extremes I am growing weary—
Let's sober down; to senses come—
Not be too "nough nor yet too none."
McCOMB.

OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED:

Mr. Mendell offered the following resolution:

Whereas, George J. Kempen, the newly elected member of the House from Guadalupe county, is within the bar of the House, be it

Resolved, That he be escorted to the Speaker's stand and the oath of office be administered to him.

The resolution was read second time and was adopted.

In accordance with the above action the Speaker appointed Mr. Mendell, Mr. Mathis and Mr. Johnson of Gillespie as a committee to escort Mr. Kempen to the Speaker's stand.

The committee having performed their duty, Mr. Kempen took the constitutional oath of office, which was administered by the Speaker.

Mr. Kempen then addressed the House, being introduced by the Speaker.

BILLS AND RESOLUTION SIGNED BY THE SPEAKER.

The Speaker signed in the presence of the House, after giving due notice thereof and their captions had been read, the following enrolled bills and resolution:

H. B. No. 32, "An Act to diminish and to re-establish the limits of the Talpa Independent School District; repealing all laws so far as they conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 53, "An Act to create the Burkeville Independent School District in Newton county, Texas, etc.; and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 54, "An Act creating an independent school district at Hutto, Williamson county, Texas, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 55, "An Act creating and incorporating the Lamkin Independent School District in Comanche county, Texas, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 60, "An Act creating and incorporating the Highland Independent School District in McLennan county, etc."

S. B. No. 41, "An Act to amend Chapter 93 of the Acts of the Thirty-fifth Legislature approved by the Governor, March 26, 1917, and being 'An Act creating the El Paso County Court at Law, to fix and prescribe the jurisdiction thereof, and to conform to such change in the jurisdiction of the county court of El Paso county, fixing the salaries of the judges of the county court of El Paso county, and of the El Paso County Court at Law, and declaring an emergency.'"

S. C. R. No. 8, For relief of drouth sufferers.

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS.

The Speaker announced the appointment of Hon. Geo. J. Kempen on the following committees:

Public Lands and Land Office, Public Printing, Liquor Traffic, Counties, Juvenile Reforms.

The Speaker announced the appointment of Mr. Bennette as a member of the following committees:

Appropriations, Municipal Corporations.

RECESS.

On motion of Mr. Holaday the House, at 12:10 o'clock p. m., took recess to 2 o'clock p. m. today.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The House met at 2 o'clock p. m. and was called to order by the Speaker.

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BILLS ORDERED NOT PRINTED.

On motion of Mr. Beason, it was ordered that House bill No. 147 be not printed.

On motion of Mr. Bedell, it was ordered that Senate bill No. 54 be not printed.

SPECIAL ORDER SET.

On motion of Mr. Laney, Senate bill No. 22, providing for construction of levees, etc., was set as a special order for 2 o'clock p. m. tomorrow, March 16.

SENATE BILL NO. 20 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to third reading.

S. B. No. 20, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide for the teaching of lessons in patriotism in the public schools of the State, for the proper display of the United States flag in connection with every public school of the State, and directing the State Superintendent, county and city superintendents in the discharge of their duty relative thereto."

The bill was read second time and was passed to third reading.

HOUSE BILL NO. 67 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 67, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create commissions of appeal, defining the powers and duties thereof; mode of appointment and the salary to be paid the members thereof, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time.

On motion of Mr. Holland, further consideration of the bill was postponed until 3 o'clock p. m. today.

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR.

Mr. S. Raymond Brooks, secretary to the Governor, appeared at the bar of the House and, being duly announced, presented the following messages from the Governor, which were read to the House:

Governor's Office,

Austin, Texas, March 14, 1918.

To the Thirty-fifth Legislature in Fourth Called Session.

Gentlemen: At the request of Senators, Hudspeth, Bailey, Hall and Bee,

and Messrs. Nordhaus, Cox of Ellis, Mendell and Lackey, I submit for your consideration the enactment of a law to authorize the commissioners courts of the several counties in the State of Texas to permit the owners of lands not situated in incorporated towns or villages, where the same have been subdivided into lots and blocks, or similar subdivisions, to cancel or annul such subdivisions by declaration to that effect, in writing, to be recorded in the deed records of such counties, and to authorize such commissioners courts to assess said lands upon an acreage basis and to accept the payment of taxes, if delinquent, for such delinquent years, upon assignments as now provided by law, upon an acreage basis.

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor of Texas.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, March 15, 1918.

To the Thirty-fifth Legislature in Fourth
Called Session.

Gentlemen: At the request of Messrs. Carlock and Miller of Dallas, I submit for your reconsideration the subject of providing an adequate law regulating the compensation to be paid to members of the commissioners courts of Texas, and validating previous acts of the Legislature contained in road laws which have prescribed salaries.

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor of Texas.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, March 15, 1918.

To the Thirty-fifth Legislature in Fourth
Called Session.

Gentlemen: At the request of Hon. W. M. Fly, I submit for your consideration the enactment of a law to amend Section 2 of House bill No. 525, enacted by the Thirty-fifth Legislature at the regular session creating the Nixon Independent School District, and as amended by Section 1, House bill No. 89, Thirty-fifth Legislature, First Called Session, revising metes and bounds of said districts.

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor of Texas.

HOUSE BILL NO. 68 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 68, A bill to be entitled "An Act to define the appellate jurisdiction of the Supreme Court of Texas, repealing all laws in conflict with this act, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time.

Pending consideration of the bill, Mr. Robertson and Mr. Mendell occupied the chair temporarily.

(Speaker in the chair.)

Mr. McCoy moved the previous question on engrossment of the bill and the main question was ordered.

Question recurring on the engrossment of the bill, yeas and nays were demanded.

The House refused to pass the bill to engrossment by the following vote:

Yeas—39.

Beard.	McCord.
Beasley.	McDowra.
Bertram.	McMillin.
Blackmon.	Mathis.
Bryan.	Meador.
Cope.	Metcalfe.
Cox of Bee.	Miller of Austin.
Crudgington.	Murrell.
Davis of Harris.	Neil.
Davis	Sentell.
of Van Zandt.	Schlosshan.
De Bogory.	Seawright.
Estes.	Smith of Bastrop.
Fly.	Smith of Hopkins.
Hardey.	Smith of Scurry.
Henderson.	Spencer.
Holaday.	Sneed.
Johnson of Ellis.	Thomas.
Laas.	Wilson.
Lackey.	Yantis.

Nays—69.

Atlee.	Carlock.
Beason.	Davis of Dallas.
Bedell.	Davis of Grimes.
Bell.	Dodd.
Bennette.	Dudley.
Blackburn.	Ford.
Bledsoe.	Haidusek.
Brown.	Harris.
Burton of Rusk.	Hill.
Butler.	Holland.
Cadenhead.	Johnson of Blanco.
Canales.	Jones.

Kempen.	Sallas.
Lacey.	Schlesinger.
Laney.	Sholars.
Lanier.	Spradley.
Lee.	Stephens.
Lindemann.	Swope.
Lowe.	Taylor.
McCoy.	Templeton.
Mendell.	Thomason
Miller of Dallas.	of El Paso.
Monday.	Thomason
Moore.	of Nacogdoches.
Morris.	Thompson
Murphy.	of Red River.
Nordhaus.	Tillotson.
O'Banion.	Traylor.
O'Brien.	Upchurch.
Osborne.	Vaughan.
Parks.	Walker.
Peyton.	White.
Poage.	Williams
Reeves.	of Brazoria.
Robertson.	Williford.
Rogers.	Woods.
Sackett.	

Present—Not Voting.

McComb.	Veatch.
Tilson.	

Absent.

Bagby.	Pope.
Bass.	Raiden.
Bland.	Richards.
Burton of Tarrant.	Roemer.
Clark.	Stewart.
Cox of Ellis.	Strayhorn.
Denton.	Terrell.
Dunnam.	Thompson
Fairchild.	of Hunt.
Greenwood.	Tinner.
Hudspeth.	Valentine.
Lange.	Williams
McFarland.	of McLennan.

Absent—Excused.

Baker.	Pillow.
Cates.	Wahrmund.
King.	

Mr. Bledsoe moved to reconsider the vote by which the House refused to engross House bill No. 68 and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas, March 15, 1918.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House
of Representatives.

Sir: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate has passed

H. B. No. 65, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Follett Independent School District in Lipscomb county, Texas."

H. B. No. 8, A bill to be entitled "An Act prohibiting the manufacture, sale, barter or exchange of spirituous, vinous or malt liquors, or liquors of any character capable of producing intoxication within this State on and after the taking effect of this act, except for medicinal, mechanical, scientific or sacramental purposes; prohibiting the use of premises, devices and aids in the manufacture, sale, barter or exchange of such liquors; providing penalties for violation of this act; providing certain civil remedies for the enforcements of the terms of this act, the same being cumulative of all other remedies relevant thereunto; prescribing the terms upon which liquors may be manufactured, sold, bartered or exchanged for medicinal, mechanical, scientific or sacramental purposes; providing procedure for the procuring of evidence for the enforcement of the terms of this act and providing procedure for the prevention of violations of the terms of this act; repealing certain laws in conflict herewith, making the terms of this act cumulative of all other laws upon the subject not in conflict herewith; extending to the entire State the provisions of certain statutes heretofore applicable to local option territory; making it a felony punishable by confinement in the penitentiary to keep a cold storage or place for the keeping for others of such liquors, and punishing corporations by fines, penalties and forfeiture of charters for the violation of this; providing penalties and remedies against officers charged with any duty in connection with the enforcement of this act for failure to perform such duties; prescribing venue, and declaring an emergency," with amendments.

S. B. No. 28, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating a court to be styled the Commission of Appeals of the State of Texas, to consist of six persons, learned in the law, to be appointed by the Governor by and with the advice of the Senate, which shall sit in two sections, known as Section A and Section B, each section consisting of three members, and who shall hold their office for two years and receive for their services a salary of \$5000 per annum, and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully,

J. B. BENNETT,
Assistant Secretary of the Senate.

HOUSE BILL NO. 67 ON ENGROSSMENT.

The Speaker laid before the House, as postponed business, on its passage to engrossment,

House bill No. 67, providing for creation of a Commission of Appeals.

The bill having been read second time this evening and further consideration of the bill having been postponed to this hour.

Mr. Carlock offered the following (committee) amendments to the bill:

Strike out everything before the enacting clause and substituting the following:

"An Act to create a Commission of Appeals, defining the powers and duties thereof; mode of appointment and the salary to be paid the members thereof; and for the appointment of its stenographers and porter, and providing extra pay for the clerk, and the furnishing of rooms for its use in the Capitol, and declaring an emergency."

Striking out everything after the enacting clause and substituting the following:

Section 1. That a Commission of Appeals is hereby created and established to consist of six persons, having the qualifications now prescribed for judges of the Supreme Court, to sit in two sections of three each, to be styled Section A and Section B, and to be appointed by the Governor of this State, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, if in session. They shall hold their offices from the first Monday in October, 1918, until the last Saturday in June, 1920, unless the Supreme Court shall catch up with and dispose of all the cases upon its cause docket prior to said time, in which event the term of the said judges, composing the Commission of Appeals, shall automatically terminate, and shall be paid at the rate of \$5000 per annum during their term of office. In case of a vacancy on said Commission by death, removal, resignation or inability from any cause to act, it shall be the duty of the Governor to fill the same by appointment, subject to the approval of the Senate, if in session, and the person so appointed shall continue in office until the end of the term of the person whose vacancy he was appointed to fill. A majority of each section shall decide the matter or case referred to it.

Sec. 2. The Supreme Court is hereby

authorized and empowered to refer to said Commission of Appeals any case or cases now or hereafter pending before said court for examination and report thereon. And it shall be the duty of said Supreme Court, in order to relieve the docket of said court of the great number of cases encumbering the same, from time to time, to refer to said Commission of Appeals, so many of said cases now or hereafter pending in said court as may be reasonably considered and acted upon by the same at the several sessions thereof. Provided, that when any case is referred by the Supreme Court to said Commission of Appeals, the counsel for both parties or the parties themselves shall be entitled to notice, and shall have the right to be heard upon the same, although said cause may have been argued before the Supreme Court; which notice shall be given by registered letter sent by mail addressed to the parties or their attorneys of record; and six days after the mailing thereof said cause shall be ready for submission and no other costs shall be incurred for serving said notice on said parties save the postage thereon. And said Commission of Appeals shall make rules regulating the hearing of causes submitted or referred to the same.

Sec. 3. When said Commission of Appeals has considered and determined upon the proper disposition of any case referred to the same according to Section 2 of this act, their opinion, which shall contain a brief synopsis of the case, shall be submitted to the Supreme Court and the record shall be returned herewith.

Sec. 4. Said Commission shall hold its sessions at the same time and place as the Supreme Court; provided, that the said Commission of Appeals shall continue their work during the vacation of the Supreme Court in mid-summer, subject, however, to the right of said judges of the Commission of Appeals to take a vacation not to exceed eight weeks during said period, and the duties of the clerk of said Commission shall be performed by the clerk of the Supreme Court, or his deputies, and no extra fees shall be allowed the clerk of the Supreme Court, or any deputy for services rendered said Commission, except twelve hundred (1200) dollars shall be allowed said clerk out of the fees of his office in addition to the compensation allowed him by law.

Sec. 5. The opinions of said Commission in the cases so referred shall not be published in the records of the decisions of the Supreme Court, nor shall the same have any further force or effect if approved by the Supreme Court, than to determine the particular causes wherein rendered and shall have no force or effect, or authority as precedent in other causes; said decisions to be approved by the Supreme Court.

Sec. 6. Said Commission shall have a seal, being a star with five (5) points and the words "Commission of Appeals of the State of Texas" around the same. Regular dockets and minutes of all proceedings by or before said Commission shall be kept and the records and proceedings thereof shall be entitled to the same verity as are records and proceedings of courts of record, and all cases shall be docketed in the order in which they are transferred or referred by the Supreme Court.

Sec. 7. Said Commission shall have the right to issue writs of certiorari to perfect the record, and such process as the Supreme Court might issue to make parties, and shall have the power to punish for contempt.

Sec. 8. All laws and rules regulating practice and procedure in the Supreme Court shall be of force in the practice and proceedings of said Commission so far as the same are applicable and all applications for rehearing in cases referred to said Commission by consent in writing shall be made before and determined by the Commission.

Sec. 9. The sum of forty thousand (\$40,000) dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated for the payment of the salaries of the judges of said Commissions.

Sec. 10. Each section of said Commission may appoint a stenographer, who shall receive a salary of one hundred (\$100) dollars per month while in actual performance of his duties; and one porter shall be employed who shall receive a salary not to exceed fifty (\$50) dollars per month during the session of the Commission.

Sec. 11. This act shall become inoperative and the said Commission of Appeals shall cease whenever the Supreme Court shall fully catch up with the decision of the cases on its cause docket; provided such event occurs prior to the last Saturday in June, 1920.

Sec. 12. The Superintendent of Public Buildings and Grounds shall provide suitable rooms in the Capitol for the use of the members of the Commission while engaged in the discharge of their duties, as convenient to the Supreme Court rooms and the offices of the clerk thereof as can be arranged by him, and shall also suitably furnish such rooms for their use.

Sec. 13. Whereas the near approach of the close of the present session of the Legislature, and the limited time allowed to legislation, and an imperative public necessity exists for the suspension of the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days, and it is hereby enacted that said rule is suspended; and the fact that the accumulation of business in the Supreme Court is so great as to prevent, in ordinary course, that speedy determination to litigation which is essential to justice, creates an emergency that requires this act to take effect at once, and it is therefore enacted that this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Question—Shall the (committee) amendments be adopted?

On motion of Mr. Miller of Dallas further consideration of the bill was postponed until 10 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT ON HOUSE BILL NO. 14.

Mr. Bledsoe called up for consideration at this time the following report of the free conference committee on House bill No. 14:

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 14, 1918.

Hon. E. A. Decherd, President of the Senate, and Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Gentlemen: Your Free Conference Committee, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 14, A bill to be entitled "An Act to prohibit making an appointment for, or soliciting any person in the service of the United States military or naval forces, to meet or come in contact with any immoral woman, for the purpose of unlawful sexual intercourse, and declaring an emergency," after consultation beg leave to report as follows:

The conferrees on the part of the Senate agreed that the Senate shall recede from its amendments to this bill, striking out the word "unlawful," and the action of the Senate conferrees is adopted

as the action of your Free Conference Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

HOPKINS,
COLLINS,
LATTIMORE,
On the part of the Senate.
CARLOCK,
THOMASON of El Paso.
BLEDSOE,
SPENCER,
On the part of the House.

The Speaker laid the report before the House and it was read.

Mr. Bledsoe moved that the report be adopted.

The Clerk was directed to call the roll, and the report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—106.

Mr. Speaker.	Laas.
Atlee.	Lacey.
Beard.	Lackey.
Beasley.	Laney.
Bedell.	Lanier.
Bell.	Lee.
Bennette.	Lindemann.
Bertram.	Lowe.
Blackburn.	McComb.
Blackmon.	McCord.
Bledsoe.	McCoy.
Brown.	McDowra.
Bryan.	Meador.
Burton of Rusk.	Mendell.
Butler.	Metcalf.
Cadenhead.	Miller of Austin.
Canales.	Miller of Dallas.
Carlock.	Moore.
Clark.	Morris.
Cope.	Murphy.
Cox of Bee.	Murrell.
Cox of Ellis.	Neill.
Crudgington.	Nordhaus.
Davis of Dallas.	O'Banion.
Davis of Grimes.	O'Brien.
Davis of Harris.	Osborne.
Davis	Parks.
of Van Zandt.	Raiden.
De Bogory.	Reeves.
Dodd.	Robertson.
Dunnam.	Rogers.
Estes.	Sackett.
Fairchild.	Sallas.
Fly.	Sentell.
Ford.	Schlosshan.
Haidusek.	Seawright.
Hardey.	Sholars.
Harris.	Smith of Bastrop.
Henderson.	Smith of Hopkins.
Hill.	Smith of Scurry.
Hudspeth.	Spencer.
Johnson of Blanco.	Spradley.
Jones.	Sneed.
Kempen.	Stephens.

Stewart.	Tilson.
Swope.	Traylor.
Taylor.	Vaughan.
Templeton.	Veatch.
Thomas.	Walker.
Thomason	White.
of El Paso.	Williams
Thomason	of Brazoria.
of Nacogdoches.	Williford.
Thompson	Wilson.
of Red River.	Woods.
Tillotson.	Yantis.

Nays—4.

Holland.	Mathis.
McFarland.	Monday.

Present—Not Voting.

Beason.

Absent.

Bagby.	Pope.
Bass.	Richards.
Bland.	Roemer.
Burton of Tarrant.	Schlesinger.
Denton.	Strayhorn.
Dudley.	Terrell.
Greenwood.	Thompson
Holaday.	of Hunt.
Johnson of Ellis.	Tinner.
Lange.	Upchurch.
McMillin.	Valentine.
Peyton.	Williams
Ponge.	of McLennan.

Absent—Excused.

Baker.	Pillow.
Cates.	Wahrmund.
King.	

HOUSE BILL NO. 70 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 70, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 88, Acts of the Regular Session of the Thirty-fifth Legislature, providing a more adequate system of laws relating to irrigation and by adding thereto after Section 61, Section 61a, and by adding thereto after Section 64, Sections 64a and 64b, providing for the entry of decisions, orders and fixing of rates by the board for furnishing water and permitting persons, firms, and corporations interested therein to file proceedings in the district court of Travis county, Texas, for a review and revision of rates, fixing the burden of proof in such proceedings, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 133 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 133, A bill to be entitled "An Act to authorize the commissioners court of Bell county to fund an issue of road warrants with an issue of road improvement bonds and thereby relieve the road and bridge fund of the warrant debt, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 74 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 74, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 1521 of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1911 of this State as amended by the Act of the Regular Session of the Thirty-third Legislature, approved March 28, 1917, defining the appellate jurisdiction of the Supreme Court, repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict therewith, stating the time when the same shall go into effect, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time.

On motion of Mr. Carlock, further consideration of the bill was postponed until 10 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

HOUSE BILL NO. 82 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 82, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 5376, Revised Civil Statutes of 1911, and to repeal Article 5379 of the same statute relating to the delivery of patents, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 8 WITH SENATE AMENDMENTS.

Mr. Bledsoe called up from the Speaker's table with Senate amendments for consideration of the amendments,

H. B. No. 8, A bill to be entitled "An Act prohibiting the manufacture, sale, barter or exchange of spirituous, vinous, or malt liquor, or liquors of any

character or capable of producing intoxication within this State on and after the taking effect of this act, except for medicinal, mechanical, scientific or sacramental purposes; prohibiting the use of premises, devices, and aids in the manufacture, sale, barter or exchange of such liquors; providing certain civil remedies for the enforcement of the terms of this act, the same being cumulative of all other remedies relevant thereunto; prescribing the terms upon which liquors may be manufactured, sold, bartered or exchanged for medicinal, mechanical, scientific or sacramental purposes; providing procedure for the procuring of evidence for the enforcement of the terms of this act and providing procedure for the prevention of violations of the terms of this act; repealing certain laws in conflict herewith; making the terms of this act cumulative of all other laws upon the subject not in conflict herewith; extending to the entire State the provisions of certain statutes heretofore applicable to local option territory; making it a felony punishable by confinement in the penitentiary to keep a cold storage or place for the keeping for others of such liquors, and punishing corporations by fines, penalties and forfeiture of charters for the violation of this act; providing penalties and remedies against officers charged with any duty in connection with the enforcement of this act for failure to perform such duties; prescribing venue, and declaring an emergency."

The Speaker laid the bill before the House and the Senate amendments were read.

Mr. Bledsoe moved that the House do not concur in the Senate amendments and that a Free Conference Committee be requested to adjust the difference between the two houses on the bill.

The motion to non-concur prevailed.

In accordance with the above action, the Speaker announced the appointment of the following Free Conference Committee on the part of the House:

Messrs. Bledsoe, Thomason of El Paso, Bryan, Spencer and Veatch.

HOUSE BILL NO. 89 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 89, A bill to be entitled

"An Act to abolish the office of Assistant Attorney General of the State of Texas; providing that the Attorney General of this State shall perform the duties required of the Assistant Attorney General or designate one or more of his office assistants to perform such duties; prescribing the time for the taking effect of this act, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time.

On motion of Mr. Fly, further consideration of the bill was postponed until 10 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas, March 15, 1918.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate has passed

H. B. No. 26, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 67 of the Acts of the Regular Session of the Thirty-third Legislature as amended by Chapter 31 of the Acts of the First Called Session of the Thirty-third Legislature, regulating the shipment and sale of intoxicating liquors; this act being to amend the aforesaid act of the Legislature so that Sections 2, 3, 4 and 5 of said Chapter 31 of the Acts of the First Called Session of the Thirty-third Legislature shall be divided into seven sections, to be known in said chapter as Sections 2, 3, 4, 5, 5a, 5b and 5c, and also by amending Section 9 of said Chapter 31, so that said sections as thus divided and amended shall read, in substance, that, except as otherwise provided, it shall be unlawful for any person to possess intoxicating liquors for personal use, sale or any other purpose, or receive from a common carrier or any person, firm or corporation or any officer, agent or employe thereof in any place where sale of intoxicating liquors is prohibited; making this provision apply to interstate as well as intrastate shipments and carriers, etc., and declaring an emergency," with amendments.

Respectfully,

RALPH SOAPE,
Secretary of the Senate.

SENATE BILL NO. 54 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to a third reading,

S. B. No. 54, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Sections 12 and 16 of the special road law for Smith county, Texas, passed at the Regular Session of said Thirty-third Legislature; and known as Chapter 70 of the Special Laws of the Thirty-third Legislature; and also to amend Section 3 of Chapter 8 of the special road law of Smith county, Texas, passed at the Regular Session of the Thirty-fourth Legislature, and approved February 16, 1915, prescribing the number of petitioners for election in said county, or political subdivision thereof, for road bonds, prescribing the purposes of said bonds and further prescribing the condition upon which every able-bodied male convict shall be required to labor upon public roads, and further prescribing the duty of commissioners and other county officials, providing penalties for failure to perform such duty, and further providing the time of maturity, rate of interest and conditions of validating elections heretofore held; rate of interest and conditions of the sale of said bonds, validating elections heretofore held, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to a third reading.

SENATE BILL NO. 66 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to a third reading,

S. B. No. 66, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 14, Chapter 87, Acts of the Thirty-fifth Legislature, Regular Session of 1917, relating to the appointment of a tax assessor and collector of water improvement districts; providing that such tax assessors and collectors may be appointed by the directors or may be elected at an election called for that purpose; providing for the selection, qualification, bond, compensation and duties of tax assessors and collectors of water improvement districts, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time.

Mr. Bryan offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend Senate bill No. 66, page 1, by striking out the figures "14" in line 1, Section 1 of original bill, and inserting in lieu thereof the figures "15."

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Bryan offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend caption of Senate bill No. 66 by striking out the figures "14" in line

1 of original bill, and inserting in lieu thereof the figures "15."

The amendment was adopted.

Senate bill No. 66 was passed to a third reading.

SENATE BILL NO. 67 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to a third reading,

S. B. No. 67, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 2825, Chapter 4, Title 47, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1911, relating to the qualifications of drainage district commissioners; providing for appointment of such commissioners and their qualifications, compensation, terms of office, providing for their election instead of appointment upon petition of voters, and providing the duties of such officers, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time.

Mr. Bryan offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend S. B. No. 67, by striking out the figures "2.30," where they occur and inserting "\$2.50" in lieu thereof.

The amendment was adopted.

Senate bill No. 67 was then passed to a third reading.

Mr. Dudley moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed to a third reading and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

HOUSE BILL NO. 94 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 94, A bill to be entitled "An Act for the protection of the health, safety and comfort of the employes in factories, mills, workshops, mercantile establishments, laundries, or other establishments where women are employed, providing for proper temperature and ventilation for the protection of the health of the employes, requiring the removal of gas, effluvia or odors from places where employes are required to work and means to allay dust injuries to the health of persons employed, prohibiting decomposed or putrescent matter or refuse of any kind to be allowed to remain in or around such place of employment, providing for cleaning, sweeping and dusting outside of working hours, requiring doors used by employes

as entrances or exits to open outward, prescribing the number of water closets, earth closets or privies to be supplied and requiring separate closets for males and females, requiring such closets to be kept clean and effectively disinfected and ventilated, authorizing the Commissioner of Labor Statistics or any of his deputies or inspector to enter any factory, mill, workshop, mercantile establishment, laundry or other establishment for making inspection and enforcing the provisions of the act, authorizing the said Commissioner, his deputies or inspectors to issue an order for the correction of unsanitary or immoral conditions or neglect to remove fumes and gases injurious to employes where females are employed; in case of failure or refusal on the part of owner, superintendent, manager or other person in control or management of such establishment, giving the Commissioner of Labor Statistics, his deputies or inspectors power to close such establishment or any part of it until such time as said orders are complied with, providing how such powers may be exercised and providing a method for testing the validity, etc., of such orders, fixing penalties for violation of provisions of the act, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 97 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 97, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 5, Chapter 78, pages 147-148 and 149, passed at the Regular Session of the Thirty-fifth Legislature, known as the interchangeable jury law, so as to hereafter read as follows."

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 26 WITH SENATE AMENDMENTS.

Mr. Yantis called up from the Speaker's table, with Senate amendments, for consideration of the amendments,

H. B. No. 26, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 67 of the Acts of the Regular Session of the Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Texas, as amended by Chapter 31 of the Acts of the First Called Session of the Thirty-third Legislature and the same is hereby amended so that Sections 2, 3, 4 and 5

of said Chapter 31 shall be divided in seven sections, 2, 3, 4, 5, 5a, 5b and 5c, reading as shown below; also by amending Section 9 of Chapter 31, so that it will read as shown below, said sections as amended to be incorporated in and become a part of said Chapter 31."

The Speaker laid the bill before the House, and the Senate amendments were read.

Mr. Yantis moved that the House do not concur in the Senate amendments and that a free conference committee be requested to adjust the differences between the two houses on the bill.

The motion prevailed.

In accordance with the above action, the Speaker announced the appointment of the following free conference committee on the part of the House:

Messrs. Yantis, Murrell, McCord, Cope and Smith of Scurry.

HOUSE BILL NO. 98 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 98, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 1197, Title 17 of the Code of Criminal Procedure of the State of Texas, relating to delinquent children so as to include and further prescribe the procedure in cases of boys and girls, fixing penalties, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time.

Mr. Robertson offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend by striking out the words "or any city ordinance," page 1, line 18.

The amendment was adopted.

House bill No. 98 was passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 104 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 104, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 3003 of Chapter 7, Title 49, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas of 1911, relating to officers of election assisting a voter in preparing a ballot; and also amending Article 258, Chapter 2, Title 6, of the Revised Penal Code of Texas of 1911, so as to provide a penalty for the violation of said articles of the Revised Civil Statutes as the same is hereby amended."

The bill was read second time.

Mr. Beard offered the following (committee) amendment to the bill:

Amend the bill by providing that its provisions shall not apply to voters who have been citizens of the United States for twenty-one years.

Mr. McMillin offered the following substitute for the (committee) amendment:

Amend the bill, page 1, line 22, after the word "age," insert the following: "or has been a citizen of the United States for twenty-one years and is unable to read and write."

The substitute was adopted.

The committee amendment as substituted was then adopted.

Mr. Nordhaus offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 104 by striking out the enacting clause.

Yeas and nays were demanded, and the amendment was lost by the following vote:

Yeas—23.

Atlee.	Nordhaus.
Denton.	O'Brien.
Dunnam.	Parks.
Ford.	Poage.
Hardey.	Sallas.
Harris.	Templeton.
Holland.	Thompson
Laas.	of Red River.
Lee.	Tillotson.
Mathis.	Walker.
Miller of Austin.	Williams
Miller of Dallas.	of Brazoria.
Morris.	

Nays—83.

Mr. Speaker.	Estes.
Beard.	Fairchild.
Beasley.	Fly.
Bedell.	Henderson.
Bell.	Holaday.
Bennette.	Johnson of Ellis.
Bertram.	Kempen.
Blackburn.	Lackey.
Blackmon.	Laney.
Bledsoe.	Lanier.
Bryan.	Lindemann.
Burton of Rusk.	McComb.
Butler.	McCord.
Cadenhead.	McCoy.
Clark.	McDowra.
Cope.	McFarland.
Cox of Bee.	McMillin.
Crudgington.	Meador.
Davis of Dallas.	Mendell.
Davis of Grimes.	Metcalfe.
Davis of Harris.	Murphy.
Davis	Murrell.
of Van Zandt.	Neill.
De Bogory.	O'Banion.
Dodd.	Osborne.
Dudley.	Peyton.

Raiden.	Taylor.
Reeves.	Thomas.
Robertson.	Thomason
Roemer.	of El Paso.
Rogers.	Thomason
Sackett.	of Nacogdoches.
Sentell.	Thompson
Schlosshan.	of Hunt.
Seawright.	Tilson.
Smith of Bastrop.	Traylor.
Smith of Hopkins.	Vaughan.
Smith of Scurry.	Veatch.
Spencer.	White.
Spradley.	Williford.
Sneed.	Wilson.
Stephens.	Woods.
Stewart.	Yantis.
Swope.	

Present—Not Voting.

Beason.

Absent.

Bagby.	Lange.
Bass.	Lowe.
Bland.	Monday.
Brown.	Moore.
Burton of Tarrant.	Pope.
Canales.	Richards.
Carlock.	Schlesinger.
Cox of Ellis.	Sholars.
Greenwood.	Strayhorn.
Haidusek.	Terrell.
Hill.	Tinner.
Hudspeth.	Upchurch.
Johnson of Blanco.	Valentine.
Jones.	Williams
Lacey.	of McLennan.

Absent—Excused.

Baker.	Pillow.
Cates.	Wahrmund.
King.	

Mr. Spradley offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 104, line 20, after the word "his" add the words "or her."

Mr. McCoy moved the previous question on the amendment and engrossment of the bill and the main question was ordered.

Question first recurring on the amendment, it was lost.

House bill No. 104 was passed to engrossment.

Mr. Thomason of El Paso moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas, March 15, 1918.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate grants request of House for a Free Conference Committee on House bill No. 8. The following have been elected on the part of the Senate:

Senators Westbrook, Suiter, Lattimore, Smith and Hudspeth.

Senate grants the request of the House for a Free Conference Committee on House bill No. 26. The following have been elected on the part of the Senate:

Senator Collins, Lattimore, Dean, Suiter and Floyd.

The Senate has passed

S. B. No. 70, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 821 of the Code of Criminal Procedure of the State of Texas adopted at the Regular Session of the Thirty-second Legislature in 1911, and declaring an emergency."

S. B. No. 55, A bill to be entitled "An Act conferring upon the Railroad Commission of Texas the power to require persons, firms, corporations and receivers, owning or operating railroads within the State of Texas, to arrange or rearrange or relocate their railroad tracks and depot buildings at stations when and where the safety of the public may require such arrangements or rearrangement; providing procedure for such requirements, and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully,
RALPH SOAPE,
Secretary of the Senate.

BILL ORDERED PRINTED.

On motion of Mr. Murrell, it was ordered that House bill No. 63, reported adversely, be printed.

Mr. Cope moved to reconsider the vote by which House bill No. 63 was ordered printed and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

BILLS ORDERED NOT PRINTED.

On motion of Mr. Fly, it was ordered that House bill No. 155 be not printed.

On motion of Mr. Beason, it was ordered that House bill No. 148 be not printed.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas, March 15, 1918.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House
of Representatives.

Sir: I am directed by the Senate to
inform the House that the Senate has
passed

S. B. No. 72, A bill to be entitled
"An Act to amend an act to reorganize
the Twenty-seventh and Thirty-fifth Ju-
dicial Districts of the State of Texas,
and to fix the time for holding court
therein as passed by the Thirty-third
Legislature, Chapter 61; and to fix the
time for holding court in the counties
of the Twenty-seventh Judicial District,
and to repeal all laws and parts of laws
to conflict therewith, and declaring an
emergency."

Respectfully,

J. B. BENNETT,
Assistant Secretary of the Senate.

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST READING.

The following Senate bills were laid
before the House, read severally first
time, and referred to the appropriate
committees, as follows:

S. B. No. 27, to Committee on State
Affairs.

S. B. No. 55, to Committee on Fed-
eral Relations.

S. B. No. 70, to Committee on Crim-
inal Jurisprudence.

S. B. No. 72, to Committee on Judi-
cial Districts.

HOUSE BILL NO. 147 ON SECOND
READING.

The Speaker laid before the House,
on its second reading and passage to
engrossment,

H. B. No. 147, A bill to be entitled
"An Act creating and establishing the
Winnie Independent School District in
the counties of Chambers and Jefferson,
State of Texas, etc., and declaring an
emergency."

The bill was read second time and
was passed to engrossment.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas, March 15, 1918.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House
of Representatives.

Sir: I am directed by the Senate
to inform the House that the Senate
has passed

S. B. No. 27, A bill to be entitled

"An Act to permit railroad corpora-
tions, by and with the permission of
the Railroad Commission of Texas and
county commissioners court of the coun-
ty wherein located, to change, relocate
or abandon any portion of its line when
without and adjacent to the limits of
any incorporated city containing 50,000
inhabitants or more according to the
United State census of 1910, and to per-
mit such railroad corporation to change,
relocate or abandon any portion of its
line within the limits of any incorpo-
rated city containing 50,000 inhabitants
or more, by and with the permission of
the Railroad Commission of Texas and
the city council or board of aldermen
of such city; and to require such rail-
road corporation to make such change,
relocation or abandonment upon the or-
der of such Railroad Commission, upon
the application of such city council or
board of aldermen; and providing for
the exercise of the right of eminent do-
main to acquire right of way and depot
grounds when lines are changed or
relocated, and validating such changes,
relocations or abandonments when here-
tofore authorized by the Railroad Com-
mission of Texas; and repealing all laws
or parts of laws in conflict herewith,
and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully,

J. B. BENNETT,
Assistant Secretary of the Senate.

HOUSE BILL NO. 101 ON SECOND
READING.

The Speaker laid before the House,
on its second reading and passage to
engrossment,

H. B. No. 101, A bill to be entitled
"An Act to amend Article 7828 of the
Revised Statutes of Texas, 1911, provid-
ing the Governor shall appoint nine per-
sons as public weighers in every city
which receives annually 100,000 bales of
cotton."

The bill was read second time.

Mr. Beason moved to postpone further
consideration of the bill until 10 o'clock
a. m. next Monday, and the motion was
lost.

On motion of Mr. Tillotson, the bill
was laid on the table subject to call.

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR.

Mr. S. Raymond Brooks, secretary to
the Governor, appeared at the bar of the
House and, being duly announced, pre-
sented the following messages from the
Governor, which were read to the House:

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, March 15, 1918.
To the Thirty-fifth Legislature in Fourth
Called Session.

Gentlemen: At the request of Senator Lon A. Smith, I submit for your consideration an act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 70, of the Acts of the Thirty-fourth Legislature, entitled an act to amend an act of the Thirty-second Legislature entitled "An Act to amend Article 21, Title 4 of the Revised Civil Statutes, and to amend an act passed by the Thirtieth Legislature creating the Sixth Supreme Judicial District of Texas, and to create the Seventh and Eighth Supreme Judicial Districts of Texas," and to create the Ninth Supreme Judicial District of Texas, and to provide for the organization of a Court of Civil Appeals within the Ninth Supreme Judicial District of Texas, and to repeal all laws in conflict by providing that Panola county shall constitute a part of the Sixth Supreme Judicial District.

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor of Texas.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, March 15, 1918.
To the Thirty-fifth Legislature in Fourth
Called Session.

Gentlemen: I beg to submit for your consideration the following subject: "An Act declaring that casualty insurance companies incorporated under Chapter 117, General Laws, passed by the Regular Session of the Thirty-second Legislature, shall hereafter have authority to write marine insurance, in which may be included the hazards and perils incident to war."

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor of Texas.

HOUSE BILLS ON FIRST READING.

The following House bills, introduced today, were laid before the House, read severally first time and referred to the appropriate committees, as follows:

By Mr. Cope and Mr. Sackett:

H. B. No. 152, A bill to be entitled "An Act to repeal Articles 7074, 7366, 7367, 7368 and 7392, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, 1911, creating the office of State Revenue Agent and defining his powers and duties; repealing the appropriation for

said State Revenue Agent, the bill to become effective January 15, 1919, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on State Affairs.

By Mr. Laney:

H. B. No. 153, A bill to be entitled "An Act to repeal Article 7380 of Chapter 2, of Title 126, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas of 1911, as enacted in Section 12, Chapter 18, of the General Laws of the Legislature, passed at the First Called Session of the Thirtieth Legislature, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on State Affairs.

By Mr. Nordhaus, Mr. Mendell, Mr. Mr. Lackey and Mr. Cox of Ellis:

H. B. No. 154, A bill to be entitled "An Act to authorize the commissioners courts of the several counties in the State of Texas to permit the owners of lands not situated in incorporated towns or villages, where the same have been subdivided into lots and blocks or similar subdivisions, to cancel or annul such subdivisions by declaration to that effect, in writing, to be recorded in the deed records of such counties, and to authorize such commissioners courts to assess said lands upon an acreage basis and to accept the payment of taxes, if delinquent for such delinquent years upon assessments as now provided by law, upon an acreage basis."

Referred to Committee on Reforms in Civil Procedure.

By Mr. Fly:

H. B. No. 155, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 2 of House bill No. 525, enacted by the Thirty-fifth Legislature of the Regular Session, creating the Nixon Independent School District and as amended by Section 1, House bill No. 89, Thirty-fifth Legislature, First Called Session, revising metes and bounds of said district, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Education.

By Mr. Davis of Dallas et al.:

H. B. No. 156, A bill to be entitled, "An Act to amend Chapter 1, Section 119, Revised Statutes of Texas, 1911, by adding thereto Articles 6901a, 6901b, 6901c, 6901d and 6901e; fixing the compensation of county commissioners in counties having a population of 30,000 and over; providing a method of determining the

population; providing that if any part of this act be declared void the same shall not affect the remaining portions; validating the acts of any commissioners court in heretofore paying the amount of salary provided by any road law, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Counties.

By Mr. Holland and Mr. Tillotson:

H. B. No. 157, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide certain indebtedness of the State Prison Commission contracted by the Commission prior to January 7, 1915, for the payment of which appropriation from the general revenue was made by Chapter 201, Acts of the Thirty-fifth Legislature, Regular Session, may be paid from the funds of the Prison Commission, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Penitentiaries.

By Mr. Miller of Dallas:

H. B. No. 158, A bill to be entitled "An Act declaring that casualty insurance companies incorporated under Chapter 117, Regular Session of the Thirty-second Legislature, shall hereafter have authority to write marine insurance, in which may be included the hazards and perils incident to war, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Banks and Banking.

BILLS SIGNED BY THE SPEAKER.

The Speaker signed in the presence of the House today, after giving due notice thereof and their captions had been read severally, the following enrolled bills:

H. B. No. 51, "An Act to amend Section 2, Chapter 160, Acts of the Thirty-third Legislature, Regular Session, 1913 (Article 7413-A, Vernons' Sayles' Texas Civil Statutes, 1914), providing how live stock may be moved from quarantined territory, etc., so as to provide that live stock may be moved from quarantined territory, etc., so as to provide that live stock may be moved from such territory after inspection, etc., by licensed veterinary, etc., as herein provided, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 65, "An Act creating the Follett Independent School District of Lipscomb county; providing for an election of board of trustees; and declaring an emergency."

ADJOURNMENT.

Mr. Raiden moved that the House adjourn until 9:30 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

Mr. Bedell moved that the House adjourn until 9 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

Mr. Metcalfe moved that the House adjourn until 10 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

The motion of Mr. Metcalfe prevailed and the House, accordingly, at 5 o'clock p. m., adjourned until 10 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

APPENDIX.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COUNTIES.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, March 15, 1918.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Counties, to whom was referred House bill No. 156, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass, with committee amendment. Mr. Walker has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

HARDEY, Chairman.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, March 15, 1918.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Education, to whom was referred House bill No. 26, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Johnson of Ellis have been appointed to make a full report thereon. Mr. McCord and Mr. Beasley gave notice of minority report. THOMASON of Nacogdoches, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, March 15, 1918.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Education, to whom was referred House bill No. 155, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

THOMASON of Nacogdoches, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 15, 1918.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Education, to whom was referred House bill No. 128, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Poage has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

THOMASON of Nacogdoches, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 14, 1918.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Education, to whom was referred House bill No. 144, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do not pass.

THOMASON of Nacogdoches, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 15, 1918.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Education, to whom was referred House bill No. 147, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

THOMASON of Nacogdoches, Chairman.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON STATE AFFAIRS.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 15, 1918.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred House bill No. 137, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Stewart has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

ATLEE, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 15, 1918.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred House bill

No. 138, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Tinner has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

ATLEE, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 15, 1918.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred House bill No. 93, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Tilson has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

ATLEE, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 15, 1918.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred House bill No. 87, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Yantis has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

ATLEE, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GAME AND FISHERIES.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 11, 1918.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Game and Fisheries, to whom was referred House bill No. 29, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do not pass.

ROEMER, Chairman.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON ROADS, BRIDGES AND FERRIES.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 15, 1918.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries, to whom was referred House bill No. 148, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House

with the recommendation that it do pass.

LEE, Acting Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 15, 1918.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 54, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

BLAND, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COMMON CARRIERS.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 15, 1918.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Common Carriers, to whom was referred House bill No. 63, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do not pass. Mr. Murrell gave notice of minority report.

WILLIAMS of Brazoria, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JUDICIAL DISTRICTS.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 15, 1918.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Judicial Districts, to whom was referred House bill No. 151, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

TEMPLETON, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC LANDS AND LAND OFFICE.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 15, 1918.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Public Lands and Land Office, to whom was referred House bill No. 85, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Bryan has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

McMILLIN, Acting Chairman.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON PRIVILEGES, SUFFRAGE AND ELECTIONS.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 15, 1918.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Privileges, Suffrage and Elections, to whom was referred House bill No. 111, have had same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Bertram has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

CLARK, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 15, 1918.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Privileges, Suffrage and Elections, to whom was referred House bill No. 109, have had same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Veatch has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

CLARK, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 14, 1918.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Privileges, Suffrage and Elections, to whom was referred House bill No. 110, have had same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass with attached amendments. Mr. Thomason of El Paso has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

CLARK, Chairman.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON IRRIGATION.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 15, 1918.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Irrigation, to whom was referred House bill No. 149, have had same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Beason has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

CANALES, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, March 15, 1918.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Irrigation, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 67, have had same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Bryan has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

CANALES, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, March 15, 1918.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Irrigation, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 66, have had same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Bryan has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

CANALES, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, March 15, 1918.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Irrigation, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 22, have had same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass with committee amendments. Mr. Tilson has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

CANALES, Chairman.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON EN- GROSSED BILLS.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, March 15, 1918.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

H. B. No. 28, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide for the creation of conservation and reclamation districts within this State under and by virtue of the provisions of Section 59 of Article 16 of the State Constitution to be known as levee improvement districts, for the purpose of reclaiming lands from overflow from rivers, creeks and streams, by systems of levees, drainage and other improvements, prescribing how such districts may be created; defining their

rights, powers and privileges, and the manner of their exercise; constituting such districts when created governmental agencies and bodies politic and corporate, and fixing their rights and liabilities as such; providing for the construction, maintenance, and protection of works and improvements erected by them; making penal interference with or injury to their works or improvements, and fixing penalties and punishment to be imposed on persons offending in these regards, as well as for building levees without lawful authority; granting to such districts the right of eminent domain, and the power to levy taxes and cause the same to be assessed and collected, and to issue bonds and create indebtedness to raise funds for the objects of their creation, and declaring an emergency,"

And find the same correctly engrossed.

BEDELL, Acting Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, March 15, 1918.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

H. B. No. 105, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide that women may vote in all primary elections and nominating conventions in Texas; prescribing qualifications for such voters, providing for registration of 10,000 and over, and declaring an emergency,"

And find the same correctly engrossed.

BEDELL, Acting Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, March 15, 1918.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

H. B. No. 46, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 15 of Chapter 5 of the Acts of the First Called Session of the Thirty-fourth Legislature of the State of Texas, which act was entitled 'An Act regulating the business of co-operative savings and contract loan companies,' so that hereafter such companies may invest their funds in mortgages which shall be a first lien on real estate located in any State of the United States of America, and further permitting such companies to invest their funds in Liberty Bonds and other certificates of indebtedness which have or may hereafter

be authorized by the United States Congress; and declaring an emergency,"

And find the same correctly engrossed.
DENTON, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 15, 1918.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

H. B. No. 27, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Articles 475 and 476 of the Penal Code of the State of Texas, prohibiting the carrying of any pistol, dirk, dagger, sling shot, sword cane, or knuckles made of any material of any hard substance, bowie knife, or any other knife manufactured or sold for purposes of offense or defense; prescribing a punishment therefor; making exceptions thereto in favor of certain officers, and declaring an emergency,"

And find the same correctly engrossed.
DENTON, Chairman.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 15, 1918.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 60, "An Act creating and incorporating the Highland Independent School District in McLennan county, etc.,"

Have carefully compared same, and find it correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 2:45 o'clock p. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval.

BEDELL, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 13, 1918.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 45, "An Act to ratify and confirm the action of the Board of Commissioners of the city of Galveston, passed March 1, A. D. 1918, conveying and releasing to the Galveston Dry Dock & Construction Company, a corporation of Galveston county, Texas, that certain area of territory in Galveston Bay being a part of what is known as Pelican Island and the flats south thereof, as fully

described by metes and bounds in said act, and declaring an emergency,"

Have carefully compared same, and find it correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 10:21 o'clock a. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval.

BEDELL, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 15, 1918.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 53, "An Act to create the Burkeville Independent School District in Newton county, Texas, etc., and declaring an emergency,"

Have carefully compared same, and find it correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 2:45 o'clock p. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval.

BEDELL, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 15, 1918.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 55, "An Act creating and incorporating Lamkin Independent School District in Comanche county, Texas, and declaring an emergency,"

Have carefully compared same, and find it correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 2:45 o'clock p. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval.

BEDELL, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 15, 1918.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 32, "An Act to diminish and to re-establish the limits of Talpa Independent School District, repealing all laws so far as they conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency,"

Have carefully compared same, and find it correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 2:45 o'clock p. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval.

BEDELL, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 15, 1918.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 65, "An Act creating the Follett Independent School District of Lipscomb county; providing for an election of a board of trustees, and declaring an emergency,"

Have carefully compared same, and find it correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 4:55 o'clock p. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval.

BEDELL, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 15, 1918.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 54, "An Act creating an independent school district at Hutto, Williamson county, Texas, and declaring an emergency,"

Have carefully compared same, and find it correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 4:55 o'clock p. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval.

BEDELL, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 12, 1918.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 9, "An Act to prevent and prohibit in time of war the sale, barter, or exchange of spirituous, vinous, and malt liquors, or medicated bitters capable of producing intoxication, within ten miles of any fort, arsenal, training camp, cantonment, aviation field or school where soldiers, sailors, marines or aviators are being quartered, held, or trained, or where ships are being built under contract with the government of the United States in time of war, in any branch of the army or navy of the United States; to prevent and prohibit the transportation of such liquors into such territory; to provide against application for suspended sentence in such cases; to prohibit the issuance of liquor licenses in such territory; authorizing and empowering the Attorney General to enjoin the sale of liquors prohibited by this act, or any conduct in violation of said act, and authorizing the district or county attorney of the county where the violations occur to maintain suit in the name of the State to enjoin and prevent the sale of such liquors or the violations of this act; to provide suitable punishments in such cases, and declaring an emergency,"

Have carefully compared same, and find it correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 10:21 o'clock a. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval.

BEDELL, Chairman.

SIXTEENTH DAY.

(Saturday, March 16, 1918.)

The House met at 10 o'clock a. m. pursuant to adjournment.

(Speaker Fuller in the chair.)

The roll was called and the following members were present:

Atlee.	Laney.
Beard.	Lange.
Beasley.	Lanier.
Beason.	Lee.
Bedell.	Lindemann.
Bell.	McComb.
Bennette.	McCord.
Bertram.	McCoy.
Blackburn.	McDowra.
Blackmon.	McFarland.
Bledsoe.	McMillin.
Bryan.	Mathis.
Burton of Rusk.	Meador.
Butler.	Mendell.
Cadenhead.	Metcalfe.
Carlock.	Miller of Austin.
Clark.	Miller of Dallas.
Cope.	Moore.
Cox of Bee.	Morris.
Cox of Ellis.	Murphy.
Crudgington.	Murrell.
Davis of Dallas.	Neill.
Davis of Grimes.	Nordhaus.
Davis of Harris.	O'Banion.
Davis	O'Brien.
of Van Zandt.	Parks.
De Bogory.	Peyton.
Denton.	Poage.
Dodd.	Raiden.
Dudley.	Reeves.
Dunnam.	Robertson.
Fairchild.	Roemer.
Fly.	Rogers.
Ford.	Sackett.
Greenwood.	Sallas.
Haidusek.	Schlosshan.
Hardey.	Seawright.
Harris.	Smith of Bastrop.
Henderson.	Smith of Hopkins.
Hill.	Smith of Scurry.
Holland.	Spencer.
Holaday.	Spradley.
Johnson of Blanco.	Sneed.
Johnson of Ellis.	Stewart.
Jones.	Stephens.
Kempen.	Swope.
Laas.	Taylor.
Lacey.	Templeton.
Lackey.	Thomas.